

**DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD
DISTRICT I**

March 6, 2000

7:00 p.m

Atwater Community Center, 2755 E. 19th

Members Present

Vice-Mayor Rogers
Carl Brewer
Patrice Dolenz
David Franks
Kenneth Hemmer
Carrie Jones
Lori Lawrence*
Debby Moore
Sharon Myers
Steve Roberts*
Marcia Traylor
Lois Tully-Gerber
Billy Wilson
Ken Woodard*

Members Absent

Edith Knox*
Rev. Lincoln Montgomery*
Willard Walker*
Dee Wilson

Guest List

Arturo Garcia, Wichita Eagle
Ambrose Ketter, KDOT-Topeka
Steve Lackey, Public Works Dept.
Charles G. Luedders, KDOT-Hutchinson
Martin Miller, KDOT
Ron Pletcher, PEC
Brent Remsberg, PEC
Jim Richardson, KDOT-Topeka

*Denotes District Advisory Board Alternates

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

At 7:05 p.m., Vice-Mayor Rogers called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

New Business

1. **Reconstruction of I-135, 17th to 37th Street**

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is planning reconstruction of I-135, 17th Street to 37th Street. The construction will impact 21st Street with possible street closure.

Steve Lackey, Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview, then introduced representatives from Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and Professional Engineering Consultants (PEC). Brent Remsberg, PEC, discussed in detail, four (4) closure alternatives for the reconstruction on I-135 and 21st Street interchange.

The above mentioned section of I-135 is being replaced due to the deteriorating condition of the pavement. Although repairs have been made to this section of I-135 in the past, the repairs have only provided a temporary solution to maintain the roadway. The project will entail 1) replacing all the pavement; 2) adding some extra lanes; 3) increasing the acceleration lane length; 4) rebuilding the interchange at 21st Street rebuild a portion on 21st Street; 5) and rebuilding the ramps at 29th Street North interchange. The project is anticipated to cost \$ 26,000,000. The project will be funded entirely by KDOT; no City funds are involved.

Alternative One:

- I-135 traffic is maintained. Ramps at 21st Street used for I-135 traffic
- No access from I-135 to 21st Street during construction
- Urban/diamond at 21st Street constructed
- Close 21st Street for approximately 9months
- **Estimated Timeframe:** Project at 21st Street would take 12 months to build
- Project cost is \$ 26,000,000

Alternative Two:

- I-135 traffic is maintained. Center lanes built first and then outside lanes
- No access from I-135 to 21st Street during construction
- Urban/diamond ramps at 21st Street constructed
- Traffic on 21st Street North is maintained
- **Estimated Timeframe:** Project at 21st Street North would take 24 months to build
- Project cost is \$ 27,400,000

Alternative Three:

- I-135 traffic is maintained. Build I-135 one half at a time
- Traffic on 21st Street North is maintained
- Urban/diamond ramps at 21st Street North constructed
- **Estimated Timeframe:** Project at 21st Street North would take 24 months to build
- Project cost is \$ 26,750, 000

Alternative Four:

- I-135 traffic is maintained. Widening occurs under traffic
- Ramps at 21st Street North rebuilt in current configuration
- Traffic is maintained on 21st Street North
- **Estimated Timeframe:** Project at 21st Street North would take 16-18 months to build
- Project cost is \$ 26,750,000

The alternatives reflect a construction time frame at 21st Street North, but do not include the remainder of the work north of 21st Street. The time to finish the work north of 21st Street North is estimated to be another 12 months.

District Advisory Board Members asked questions regarding what impact the closure of 21st Street would have on businesses in the area. KDOT shares the concerns of the board members and are eager to work with business owners and the community to minimize the inconvenience the project may cause. Vice-Mayor Rogers directed the DAB members to share this information with the community and business owners in an effort to get community feedback regarding the closure.

Other concerns that District Advisory Board members had included 1) the effect of increased traffic on 13th and 29th Streets, 2) would the business west of I-135 be effected, 3) determining if business owners feel access to I-135 is more important than access 21st Street, 4) if Wichita State University (WSU) personnel had commented on closure and how would this closure effect commuter students.

Vice-Mayor Rogers requested DAB members return with community feedback via DAB members at the April meeting.

Council Agenda

2. Selection of First Pro Tem and Second Pro Tem.

Vice-Mayor Rogers decided to abstain from voting on issues that come before the DAB. He urged the DAB members to make decisions on the good of the District, not just their neighborhood.

Vice-Mayor Rogers had a brief introduction of the DAB members, then asked for nominations of a first and second pro-tem.

Patrice Dolenz recommended Debbie Moore be considered for one of the pro-tem positions. Lori Lawrence nominated Carl Brewer be considered for a pro-tem position. Lois Tully-Gerber agreed.

A vote for the first pro-tem position resulted with seven votes in favor of Carl Brewer; three votes in favor of Debbie Moore.

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Vice-Mayor Rogers asked if the DAB members would be in agreement to have Carl Brewer as the first pro-tem and Debbie Moore as second pro-tem. The DAB members voted unanimously in favor of this recommendation.

3. Discussion of Subcommittees

Vice-Mayor Rogers noted the need for the development of standing subcommittees, which will be the responsibility of the first and second pro-tem to spearhead. The pro-tems will need to solicit citizens to work with them.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.